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February 10, 1982

Mr. Richard Blubaugh  
Regulatory Affairs Manager  
Atlas Minerals  
Big Indian Mines  
LaSal, Utah 84530

RE: 1980 1.7 and 3 acre amendments  
to the Velvet Mine  
ACT/037/040  
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

The Division is currently reviewing all Atlas Minerals' mine plans. This letter is the first in a series of many. Most of them will contain requests for additional information, I am sure, to update our files and satisfy inadequacies of the past. I hope that your staff will not be unduly put upon to address these areas of concern and clear up previous omissions for which you or they are not responsible.

On December 29, 1980, a request was made for an updated surface facilities map as well as many other concerns. So as not to belabor the present after-the-fact situation, I would simply like to add a current 1982 surface facilities map to the file. This request is made in keeping with Rule M-8 and should include all present operational facilities at a convenient scale so as to delineate topographic features and drainage patterns as well as access roads (Rule M-6). Sufficient detail must be presented to show the relationship between the portal area, bore hole area and water treatment facility area.

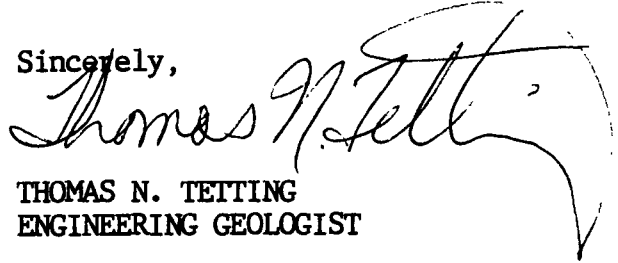
At this time, I would also like to obtain a copy of "your version" of the final Mined Land Reclamation Contract. I have not located one in our office. A timely submission of this item would certainly expedite the typing up of the many loose ends dangling in our files.

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After receipt of the contract form and updated topographic/surface facility map, a final letter of amendment approval will be issued, followed by a final reclamation contractual agreement.

Thank you for your cooperation in this, the first of many mine plan update reviews.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas N. Tetting". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

THOMAS N. TETTING  
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

Enclosure

TNT/btb

## APPLICATION HISTORY

Atlas Minerals  
Velvet Mine--ACT/037/040  
San Juan County, Utah

August 23, 1978	Division received Mining and Reclamation Plan, Notice of Intent and MR-8 (dated August 15, 1978).
August 25, 1978	Division inspection of proposed minesite.
September 1, 1978	John Hunerjager of Atlas called the Division to inquire about the approval status. He was told of several deficiencies of the mine plan. A follow-up letter from the Division was sent the same day.
September 6, 1978	Atlas' reply to September 1, 1978, letter.
September 8, 1978	John Hunerjager of Atlas called the Division and notified us that the mine plan was no longer valid. A new plan would be submitted in about a week.
September 11, 1978	John Hunerjager of Atlas called the Division and notified us that the original plan was again valid.
September 13, 1978	Follow-up letter from Atlas (dated September 11, 1978) concerning last phone conversation received.
September 18, 1978	Letter sent to Atlas stating that the Division is satisfied with the mine plan and will issue tentative approval upon concurrence of the Board. Atlas was reminded that mining cannot commence until final approval is issued.
September 26, 1978	No Executive Meeting.
October 25, 1978	No Executive Meeting.
February 5, 1979	Final Mined Lands Reclamation Contract signed.
November 29, 1979	Final approval given.
January 14, 1980	1979 Annual Report filed.
August 27, 1980	1.7 acre amendment addition requested for two bore holes.
December 15, 1980	Three acre amendment requested for mine water treatment facility.
January 2, 1981	Division request for annual report.

December 17, 1981	Division hydrologic and oil reclamation inspection.
January 21, 1982	Brief Division inspection during blizzard of new water treatment ponds.
January 31, 1982	1981 Annual Report submitted.
February 8, 1982	Request for updated surface facility maps and final contract form from Richard Blubaugh, the new Regulatory Affairs Manager.